




JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LANSING



THOMAS D. WATKINS, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

TO: Local Education Agencies, Nonpublic Schools and Public School Academies

FROM: Tom Watkins 

DATE: September 16, 2004

SUBJECT: 43rd Annual United States Senate Youth Program

The 43rd annual United States Senate Youth Program, established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, will be held in Washington, D.C., from February 26 - March 5, 2005. Two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity will spend a week in Washington experiencing their national government in action. Students will visit Capitol Hill, the White House, Supreme Court, Pentagon and State Department and will each be awarded a \$5,000 College scholarship for undergraduate studies. Each high school in Michigan is invited to participate.

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will pay all expenses for the Washington Week, including transportation, hotel accommodations and meals. More information on the application process can be found on the Michigan Department of Education home page: michigan.gov/mde. Navigate to the Office of Field Services using the Programs and Offices link on the left. The USSY link is listed under the "Resources and Related Info" section.

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation believes it is in the public interest to encourage these outstanding young people to continue their educational development. To this end, the foundation will make available to each of the 104 delegates selected to participate in the program, a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) scholarship award, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the rules. Additional information concerning the scholarships will be given to the delegates on their arrival in Washington. Their senators will present the certificates representing the \$5,000 scholarship award to delegates during their visit to Washington.

I would urge your school district to participate in this outstanding program. Applications may only be acquired through your high school principal or state level education administrator. Please make your initial arrangements for materials as soon as possible by contacting your high school administration office or the Michigan Department of Education, David Mills, Educational Consultant for Advanced and Accelerated Programming at millsd@michigan.gov or by writing to the foundation at the address and website in the enclosed brochure. You will then be contacted directly and will be given all the information you need to get involved in this national program. For questions please call 517-373-4213.

Enclosure

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

KATHLEEN N. STRAUS – PRESIDENT • HERBERT S. MOYER – VICE PRESIDENT
CAROLYN L. CURTIN – SECRETARY • JOHN C. AUSTIN – TREASURER
MARIANNE YARED MCGUIRE – NASBE DELEGATE • ELIZABETH W. BAUER
REGINALD M. TURNER • EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER

808 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909
www.michigan.gov/mde • (517) 373-3324